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Whereas, The Vincennes Sun-Commercial newspaper is the direct descendent of the newspapers founded by Elihu Stout in the summer of 1804, making it the oldest newspaper in Indiana;

Whereas, Elihu Stout began publishing the newspaper known as the Indiana Gazette at the urging of William Henry Harrison, governor of what was then the Indiana Territory;

Whereas, Mr. Stout later renamed the paper the Western Sun, the Western Sun and General Advertiser, and, finally, The Vincennes Sun;

Whereas, According to local legend, a young Abraham Lincoln helped Elihu Stout publish the March 6, 1830, edition of the paper;

Whereas, A replica of the Stout print shop, including an authentic Adam Ramage wooden printing press, is part of the Indiana Territory State Historic Site;

Whereas, The newspaper was sold several times until, in 1930, Eugene C. Pulliam purchased The Vincennes Sun and the rival Vincennes Commercial and combined them into the Vincennes Sun-Commercial; and



Whereas, Newspapers have played a vital part in the development of Indiana and the United States by providing citizens with insight into developments occurring beyond the confines of their daily lives: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
- 2 Vincennes Sun-Commercial on the occasion of the 200th anniversary
- 3 of its founding and wishes the staff continued success in the future.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Vickie K. Palmer,
- 6 publisher of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, and Bernie Schmitt,
- 7 managing editor of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial.

